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1. EDITORIAL COMMENT ON AMB YOUNG'S SPEECH HAS BEEN MIXED. GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY ANTA CARRIED EDITORIAL IN MAY 21 BULLETIN ON MAPUTO CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE, HARSHLY CRITICIZING STAND OF CAPITALIST POWERS IN GENERAL, BUT ONLY MENTIONING AMB YOUNG'S ACTIVITIES IN PASSING. AKFM (PRO-SOVIET) ORGAN IMONGO VAOVAO STRESSED CRITICISM OF AMB YOUNG'S SPEECH BY MUGABE AND REPRESENTATIVE OF LESOTHO. ON OTHER HAND INDEPENDENT SAHY PRAISES CURRENT US POLICY WHICH TODAY FAR DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF VIETNAM AND ANGOLA DAYS.

2. TWO BUREAU CHIEFS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE VOLUNTEERED GRATIFICATION AT NEW US POSITION AND AMB YOUNG'S SPEECH. CHIEF OF BILATERAL RELATIONS SOUGHT ME OUT AT RECEPTION MAY 23 TO SAY HE CONSIDERED NEW US PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICAN INTERNAL POLICIES A FUNDAMENTAL STEP FORWARD BY THE US. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WHOM I WAS SEEING ON OTHER MATTERS MAY 20, GRATUITOUSLY EXPRESSED REGRET AT CRITICISM LEVELED AT AMB YOUNG'S SPEECH BY PRESS AND RADIO, SAYING HE THOUGHT IT REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT
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ANNOUNCEMENT ON US INVOLVEMENT WHICH HE CONSIDERED HELPFUL. EVEN THOUGH THESE TWO PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS WERE PROBABLY ONLY SPEAKING FOR THEMSELVES, IT WAS NICE TO HEAR.BARRETT

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